Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

March 2007

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index increased 1.0 percent between February 2007 and March 2007 while the Canada All-items Index advanced 0.8 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index rose 1.1 percent and 0.7 percent, respectively, during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the March All-items Index increased from February 2007 primarily due to increased prices for gasoline, automotive vehicle insurance premiums, housing replacement cost and homeowners' insurance premiums. Prices also rose for women's clothing, other food preparations and purchase and operation of recreational vehicles.

Moderating these increases were price decreases for purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles and men's clothing. Prices also fell for fresh vegetables, dairy products, preserved fruit and fruit preparations, other cereal grains and cereal products and bakery products.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 2.6 percent between March 2006 and March 2007 while the Canada All-items Index increased 2.3 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 2.6 percent and 2.5 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The March All-items Index increased from March 2006 primarily due to increased prices for gasoline, housing replacement cost, mortgage interest cost and homeowners' insurance premiums. Prices also rose for automotive vehicles insurance premiums, fresh vegetables and fresh fruit.

These increases were partially offset by decreased prices for recreational equipment and services (excluding vehicles), purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles and natural gas. Prices also fell for telephone services, home entertainment equipment and services, men's clothing and furniture.

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ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA

	Index		Percent Change	
	March 2007	Feb. 2007	Feb. 2007 to March 2007	Mar. 2006 to March 2007
	(1992 = 100)			
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	137.3	136.0	1.0	2.6
Food	132.2	132.4	-0.2	6.8
Shelter	153.2	152.1	0.7	4.4
Household Operations and Furnishings	113.7	113.6	0.1	-0.9
Clothing and Footwear	106.9	105.8	1.0	-0.3
Transportation	152.9	148.3	3.1	1.7
Health and Personal Care	117.4	117.5	-0.1	1.3
Recreation, Education and Reading	130.0	129.2	0.6	-0.8
Tobacco and Alcohol	171.1	170.7	0.2	3.3
All-Items Excluding Energy	131.6	131.0	0.5	2.5
Energy	198.0	188.3	5.2	3.3
CANADA				
All-Items	132.3	131.2	0.8	2.3
Food	135.0	135.5	-0.4	3.7
Shelter	131.3	130.7	0.5	3.1
Household Operations and Furnishings	117.5	117.2	0.3	0.9
Clothing and Footwear	102.5	100.4	2.1	-0.8
Transportation	158.2	153.6	3.0	3.1
Health and Personal Care	122.9	123.0	-0.1	0.8
Recreation, Education and Reading	127.4	126.5	0.7	0.6
Tobacco and Alcohol	153.4	153.5	-0.1	2.1
All-Items Excluding Energy	128.9	128.5	0.3	2.1
Energy	176.1	164.7	6.9	4.5
REGINA				
All-Items	138.2	136.7	1.1	2.6
SASKATOON				
All-Items	136.3	135.3	0.7	2.5

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Consumer Price Index Survey*
Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Department of Finance

ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES

	Percent Change	
	Feb. 2007 to March 2007	Mar. 2006 to March 2007
Canada	0.8	2.3
Newfoundland	0.6	2.0
Prince Edward Island	1.3	2.7
Nova Scotia	0.8	2.1
New Brunswick	0.9	1.4
Quebec	0.7	1.8
Ontario	1.0	1.8
Manitoba	0.9	2.6
Saskatchewan	1.0	2.6
Alberta	1.1	5.5
British Columbia	0.4	2.2
Whitehorse	0.6	2.0
Yellowknife	0.6	2.6
Iqaluit	0.2	2.9

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